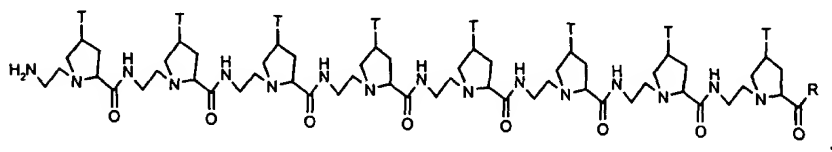


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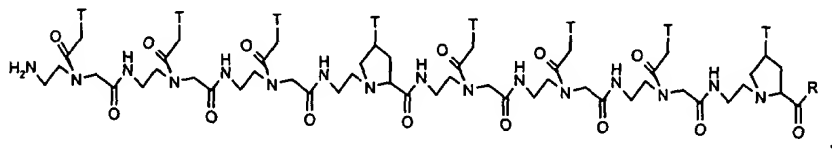
REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement issued December 7, 2001, Applicants elect group I, claims 1-9 and 13, with traverse. In response to the requirement for election of species, for claim 1, the following species is elected



wherein $R_1 = H$, $R_2 = NH(CH_2)_3NH(CH_2)_4NH(CH_2)_3NH_2$, and B^1-B^Z are thymine (T),

For claim 2, the following species is elected



wherein $R_1 = H$, $R_2 = NHCH_2CH_2COOH$, and $B^Z =$ thymine (T).

For claim 5, the following species is elected:

T= thymine, $R_1 = Boc$, and $R_2 = Obenzyl$.

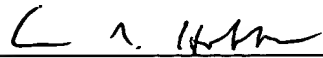
It is noted that there is no single species that can be included in claims 1, 2 and 5.

The restriction requirement is traversed for the following reasons. It is respectfully submitted that the restriction is overly limiting, as it does not appear to allow, for example, for a variety of substituent B^1-B^Z , and would require that a multitude of related individual compounds be the subject of separate patent applications. Clarification and/or withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

Early and favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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